

First Named Inventor:	Pradeep Bahl	Attorney Docket No.:	150789.01
Application No.:	09/714,406	Group Art Unit:	2141
Filed:	November 16, 2000	Examiner:	Bayard, Djenane M
Customer No.:	22971	Confirmation Number:	5052

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING CLIENT-CENTRIC LOAD BALANCING OF MULTIPLE GLOBALLY-DISPERSED SERVERS

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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#### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Please change the attorney docket number to 150789.01.

In response to the Office Action mailed 12/29/2005, Applicant hereby elects Group I (Claims 1-15, 20, and 23-27) for prosecution.


Examiner Bayard informed Applicant by telephone on December 20, 2005 about the restriction requirement. Applicant did not make an oral election at that time.

If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner is requested to call Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by the enclosed fee transmittal, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-0463.

Respectfully submitted,  
Microsoft Corporation

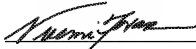
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I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents identified on this form are being electronically deposited with the USPTO via EFS-Web on the date shown below:

February 2, 2006  
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